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1. CONSULATE GENERAL IS PLEASED TO LEARN OF PROPOSED
LIMA CONSULAR CONFERENCE MAY 8 THROUGH 12. GUAYAQUIL'S
REP WILL BE OUR DEPUTY CHIEF OF CONSULAR
SECTION AND CHIEF OF VISA UNIT, FSO LAYTON R. RUSSELL.
ARRIVAL DATA WILL BE PROVIDED TO EMBASSY LIMA WHEN
AVAILABLE.

2. POST HOPES THAT AGENDA WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF
FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. PUBLIC CHARGE, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO
APPLICATION OF POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR RELATIVES NOT
IN AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY UNIT, E.G. THE EFFECT OF
AFFIDIVANTIS PROVIDED BY BROTHERS, SISTERS OR CHILDREN
OF APPLICANTS WHO ALREADY HAVE THEIR OWN FAMILY UNIT.
IN CONNECTION WITH ELDERLY APPLICANTS, POST WOULD
APPRECIATE OPEN DISCUSSION OF JUST HOW APPLICABLE
POVERTY GUIDELINES ARE IN ASSESSING 212(A) (15) IN SUCH
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CASES, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF EASY ACCESS TO SSI,
MEDICAID AND OTHER FORMS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SPECIFI-
CALLY DIRECTED TOWARD THE AGED.

B. LABOR CERTIFICATION, ESPECIALLY CORRECT ACTION BY
CONSULAR OFFICERS WHEN THERE IS SUSPICION THAT WAGE
STATED IN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WILL NOT BE PAID.

C. VISA FRAUD, PARTICULARLY, PROBLEM OF PHOTO SWITCHES IN PASSPORTS WITH VALID VISAS, AND WHAT METHODS CAN BE TAKEN TO COMBAT THIS PRACTICE WHICH RESULTED IN HUNDREDS, IF NOT THOUSANDS, OF ECUADOREANS HAVING ENTERED THE U.S. ILLEGALLY IN THE PAST YEAR.

D. FUTURE OF THE CONSULAR CONE, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ENSURE EQUAL PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY AND CAREER LADDERS.

E. EFFECT OF ZBB ON FUTURE CONSULAR STAFFING PLANS, AND DISCUSSION OF WAYS WHICH PIT'S CAN BE USED TO MEET BURGEONING WORKLOADS THAT CAN NOT BE HANDLED BY AVAILABLE FSO STAFF.

F. DISCUSSION OF ASSISTANCE WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED TO PRISONERS WHO ARE DESTITUTE AND WHO NEED DIETARY OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

G. REVISED CONSULAR COURSE FOR FSL'S.

3. POST FEELS THAT PLENTY OF TIME SHOULD BE LEFT FOR OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT RECURRING PROBLEMS AT THEIR POSTS, IF NOT TO ACTUALLY LEAD SOME DISCUSSIONS. TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE, WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT CANNED UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENTATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND INS, ESPECIALLY ON PASSPORT AND VISA MATTERS, SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM, AND THAT WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS SHOULD VIEW CONFERENCE NOT ONLY AS A TEACHING AND ADVISORY EXERCISE, BUT ALSO AS A SOUNDING BOARD FOR SOUTH AMERICAN POSTS' VIEWS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES IN CONSULAR AFFAIRS. BISHTON

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